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Defense Councils Plan Cooperation With Boy Scouts

Closer relationship "all down the line" between Councils of Defense and Boy Scout groups was recommended this week following a joint SCD-Boy Scout conference in Harrisburg.

The conference, called by SCD Director A. C. Marts, brought from leaders of 28 of Pennsylvania's 39 Boy Scout Councils personal suggestions for fuller utilization of the states 115,000 Boy Scout members and leaders.

"Boy Scouts are participating with distinction in most communities, and they comprise the bulk of our Messenger Corps membership throughout the state," said Dr. Marts. "We want this cooperation to be 100 per cent in every locality."

The readiness of Boy Scouts to serve wherever needed was pledged by Paul H. Love, of Philadelphia, Regional Scout Executive, and Capt. Fred C. Mills, Boy Scout national director of health and safety.

Will Confer

To achieve full cooperation, the conference recommended that County Councils of Defense confer immediately with local Scout leaders and work out joint plans for recruiting and training Messengers and other youth volunteers, both Scouts and non-Scouts.

"It is recognized also that the Boy Scout Emergency Service Corps is of great value and should be utilized more extensively by Councils of Defense," said the conference report sent out last weekend.

Among the conferees were several representing both Boy Scouts and Civilian Defense. They included Gen. Frank D. Beary, Lehigh County; Ross Leffler, Allegheny County; and Louis B. Round, Lawrence County.

NOVEL WAY FOUND TO COLLECT SCRAP

Easton Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has found a new way to locate scrap.

On a routine flight recently, John G. Sandt, squadron commander, spotted several abandoned bridges, railroads, and a quarry. The salvage committee of the County Council of Defense was notified, and the scrap is expected to yield about 500 tons.

EXTENDED SESSION

The Executive Committee of the Northampton County Council of Defense set something of a record when it remained in session from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. to "catch up" on unfinished business.

"Except for the dinner hour," reported E. Albert Boyer, chairman, "we remained in continuous session, and disposed of a tremendous amount of business." The meeting was held in the Administration Building of the County Home so that there would be no interruptions.

Regional Parleys End This Week

Development of Speakers Bureaus and expansion of American Unity and publicity programs was charted at a series of SCD conferences conducted in the eight regions of the state last week and this week.

The conferences, arranged by Mrs. Jean Doverspike, director of the SCD Speakers Bureau, started in Pittsburgh on Dec. 9 and closed in Philadelphia today. Other meeting places were Meadville, Hollidaysburg, Williamsport, Easton, Wilkes-Barre, and Harrisburg.

Guidance in setting up Speakers Bureaus so that four-minute talks on current war programs can be given before clubs and other groups was offered by Mrs. Doverspike and J. W. Beau-

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WEEKLY DRILLS WILL LINK COUNTIES WITH SCD CONTROL CENTER

Pennsylvania's 67 County Control Centers were directed this week by the SCD to take part in coordinated weekly drills which will link them directly with the new State Control Center in Harrisburg.

The drills, involving test exercises and partial mobilization of Control Center personnel, will be held each Monday from 7 to 8 P.M. during the period Dec. 15 to Jan. 31. The dates for succeeding periods will be announced later.

The purpose of the drills, as explained by Col. Ralph M. Mitchell, special assistant to Director A. C. Marts, is "to develop and maintain efficiency" throughout the Control Center network.

Final Link

"The opening of the State Control Center," he said, "has added the final link to the chain of command which will be used in Pennsylvania to control Civilian Defense activity during air raids and air raid drills.

"This center will be manned and available through communications channels during the 24 hours of each day. All other Control Centers throughout the state must be similarly manned."

Under the new system of weekly drills, which is the most comprehensive started by any state, County Control Center commanders will receive each week a "confidential" envelope containing sealed instructions for the exercises, and marked for opening at a certain hour.

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Sunday Drill Reveals Faults

Pennsylvania's first Sunday air raid drill this week caught several counties off guard and revealed that many churches had not yet taken the precautions suggested by the SCD.

Commenting on the drill, Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, said "this was our first Sunday test and it was important because Hitler has almost always chosen Saturday night or Sunday for his new blitzkriegs. Therefore, it is necessary for us to practice our procedures at times when we think we might be caught off guard."

"In line with the potential danger of Sunday attacks, we found that eight of the 67 County Control Centers were not manned at the time of Sunday's drill."

The drill, running from 12 to 12.20 p.m., found the State Control Center in operation and in contact with County Control Centers. It was the third daylight drill conducted in Pennsylvania.

This week all County Control Centers were notified to report to the State Control Center after drills or raids, giving the following information: (1) Number and per cent of Control Center staff present; (2) Length of time to fan out warning; (3) Number of incidents; (4) Efficiency of Citizens Defense Corps; (5) Public response.

NUTRITION WEEK

Nutrition exhibits, radio broadcasts, and newspaper stories were featured during a special Nutrition Week conducted in Luzerne County by the Nutrition Council and the Council of Defense. Posters were placed in buses, and essay contests were held in the schools.

Stresses Post-Raid Work

The big job of the Citizens Defense Corps will come not while the bombs are falling, but after the raid is over, says Marc Peters, official OCD observer in London.

Addressing the December meeting of the SCD staff, Peters summarized British experience as follows:

"Post-raid work is the real way to beat the enemy. Water mains must be repaired, services restored, and the homeless given shelter. Normal community agencies and utilities must go to work immediately after the raid, and keep going for hours or months.

"All this requires advance

planning. The sooner normal life is restored, the less interference there will be with production and the war effort.

"Follow-up raids on a city are intended to disrupt and overwhelm Civilian Defense before it can repair the first night's damage."

Peters said the trend is toward heavier raids, with incendiary bombs being used in increasing quantity. The British recently dropped 1200 tons of bombs in a 90-minute raid, he said, compared with 440 tons dropped in five hours by the Nazis in their heaviest assault on London.

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NO TIME TO LAG*

By A. C. Marts,
 Executive Director

The Councils of Defense and the Citizens Defense Corps in Pennsylvania are urged to redouble their activity at this time instead of letting down in any way.

The most dangerous time in a football game is when a team thinks it has the game won. The most dangerous time in this war may come to us if we think the war is won because our boys have achieved a great victory in Africa and the South Seas.

Let's show our gratitude to them and our joy over their victory by renewed devotion to our duties here at home rather than easing up on the home front. **Now is the time for us at home to tighten up in all our Civilian Defense duties.**

Hitler in his speech at Munich said he had something up his sleeve for America . . . Let's be on the alert every minute for fear he'll sneak one over on us at home while our boys are giving him such a headache in Africa.

(*From speech delivered at Oil City Nov. 24.)

ALERTNESS

Let not the task become humdrum, Because no bombing plane has come. Pearl Harbor be your constant thought, That we, as they, may not be caught.

—G. Z. Keller
 (Wilkes-Barre Control Center)

REGIONAL PARLEYS

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champ, OCD Speakers Bureau representative.

Others taking part in the conferences included Mrs. Walter Spofford, OCD representative in Pennsylvania; A. R. Warnock, American Unity Committee secretary; R. V. Wall, publicity director; and S. K. Stevens, State Historian.

64,757 Women Enrolled In CDC

A breakdown of Pennsylvania's 576,984 enrollment in the Citizens Defense Corps shows that 64,757, or more than 11 per cent, are women.

The largest number of women—18,050—are enrolled as Air Raid Wardens, according to reports made to the SCD up to Dec. 1. The remainder of the women volunteers in the air raid protection services were assigned as follows:

Auxiliary Firemen 78; Auxiliary Police 181; Decontamination 125; Demolition and Clearance 1; Drivers 2,110; Fire Watchers 709; Food and Housing 10,083; Medical 12,734; Nurses Aides 14,225; Messengers 1,766; Rescue 111; Road Repairs 105; and Staff 4,479.

In total enrollments of both men and women, Air Raid Wardens continue as the largest corps with a membership of 195,356. Auxiliary Firemen are second with 64,189 and Auxiliary Police are third with a membership of 59,021.

Counties reporting the largest increases in Defense Corps membership, and their new totals are: Philadelphia 122,912; Montgomery 46,282; Delaware 29,133; Schuylkill 18,511; Luzerne 16,380; Lackawanna 14,630; Lancaster 14,015; Dauphin 13,764 and Berks 12,411.

WEEKLY DRILLS

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The instructions will cover (1) the international situation, (2) the special local situation, and (3) additional situations necessitated by the problem. These hypothetical situations will be plotted on the control map, and the needed action taken and reported to the State Control Center.

The commander of the State Control Center is Dr. Marts and his staff includes Col. Mitchell as controller, other SCD officials, and representatives of the Army and related State agencies. A. Boyd Hamilton is Deputy Commander.

In addition to the weekly drills, County Control Centers are expected to conduct test incidents during state-wide blackouts and drills and to report results to the State Control Center.

CAR-SHARING PLAN SUCCESS AT KNOX

A new kind of car-sharing plan is reported by J. B. Truby, chairman of the Knox Council of Defense.

"When any citizen of our town is planning a trip to a neighboring town or city he goes to a bulletin board erected by the Council of Defense, writes his name, destination, date and hour," said Truby. "Any other persons wishing to make the trip simply contact the car owner and make arrangements to go along."

CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS



Gen. Frank D. Beary (right), Adjutant General of Pennsylvania from 1917 to 1931, is Chairman of Lehigh County Council of Defense, and E. Albert Boyer (left) is Chairman of the Executive Committee of Northampton County Council of Defense. Gen. Beary entered military service in 1888 and in 1904 helped to organize the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Boyer is president of the Northampton County Commissioners.

'Dim Down' Is Deferred

The partial dimout, or "dim down," scheduled to go into effect in the Philadelphia area next Monday, Dec. 21, has been postponed until after Jan. 1 to allow time for adjacent areas outside Pennsylvania to complete similar plans.

The postponement was announced this week by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, after thorough preparations had been made by the Philadelphia Metropolitan District Council of Defense, co-operating with Governor James and the SCD.

Coincident with the postponement, official notification was sent to the five affected counties deferring the effective date of Rule No. 5, which was promul-

gated by the SCD to govern enforcement of the dim down.

The dim down regulations contained in Rule No. 5 were drafted by a committee of illuminating engineers appointed by Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, commanding general of the Third Service Command. Gen. Reckord requested the dim down because of a sky glow that could be seen by airplanes off the Atlantic coast.

It is expected that adjacent areas, particularly the Camden district in New Jersey, will be ready to join in the dim down shortly after Jan. 1. Enforcement in the Pennsylvania area will be by regular police with air raid wardens and auxiliary police cooperating.

AIR RAID WARDENS RALLY AT SCRANTON

More than 1,000 Air Raid Wardens attended a recent rally sponsored by the Scranton Council of Defense.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD; Mayor Howard J. Snowdon, and John B. McDade, director of the city Council of Defense, were the speakers. A skit was produced by the Citizens Defense Corps. Chief Air Raid Warden Ralph E. Flinn said the assemblage was the largest Air Raid Warden group he has seen in one meeting.

BLOCK LEADERS

Block Leaders and other Civilian Defense volunteers have been busy the past two weeks delivering pamphlets on the Government's voluntary Share the Meat Program.

NEW RESPONSIBILITY LIST PLANNED FOR INDUSTRIES

With war industries returning under Army jurisdiction for their instructions concerning blackouts, the SCD is creating a "Responsibility List" of war industries to be granted certain relaxation in practice drills.

A certain "yardstick" is being created by which to decide which war industries should be placed on this new "Responsibility List." This will include information regarding the industry's products, the number of employees, and the air raid precautions already taken.

All industries in Pennsylvania not on the Army Responsibility List or the SCD Responsibility List will be required to participate for the full extent of practice blackouts.

Program Mapped For Child Care

Child Care activities gathered momentum in Pennsylvania this week following the first meeting of the new SCD Advisory Committee on Care of Children of Women in Defense Industries.

Twelve of the 24 counties that were asked to appoint Child Care committees have reported their selections to Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, Child Care director for the SCD, and six other counties have their organization in process.

In Philadelphia, meanwhile, the first of 15 city-financed Child Care Centers was opened this week at ceremonies attended by Mrs. William J. Clothier, SCD member and Child Care chairman; Mrs. Ludlow; Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg and Dr. A. C. Marts. The city has appropriated \$152,000 for centers that will accommodate 700 children.

Need Guidance

Represented on the SCD advisory committee are six State departments, the WPA, and various child agencies. "We will look to your groups for professional guidance," Dr. Marts told the committee at its meeting, "and the Councils of Defense will provide the local leadership."

He added that "we regard this problem of child care as one of the most critical in Pennsylvania in reference to the war effort because more and more women are now being drawn into war industries."

B. F. Landstreet, of the Federal Housing Agency, reported that there are nearly 25,000 pre-school children living in 63 housing projects in Pennsylvania, and that the housing authorities will cooperate to the fullest in setting up Child Care Centers.

Prospects of financial assistance from the WPA were cut off by the recent Presidential order terminating that agency, and Mrs. Ludlow emphasized that local financing will have to be depended on almost entirely.

Representatives of State agencies named to the SCD advisory committee are: Lols M. Clark, Mrs. Anna G. Green, Helen Hubbell, Elizabeth T. Shipley, Margaret Orr Benade, Mrs. Edna B. Kech, Mrs. Anna D. Bowes, Mrs. Mary Rice Morrow, Mrs. Priscilla Fox, H. H. Rummel, and H. Raymond Mason.

Others named were: vice-chairman, Emma Johnson, Philadelphia; Anna C. Mark and Eleanor Emerson, of WPA; Cecile R. Kennedy, Red Cross; Monsignor John J. Bonner, Philadelphia; Mrs. Robert L. Vann, Pittsburgh; Wayne Hopkins, Philadelphia; Mrs. Maude Coleman, Harrisburg; Mrs. Florence Miller, New Cumberland; Mrs. Helen Glenn Tyson, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Marion McDowell, State College; John A. Phillips, Harrisburg; Ann E. Dolan, Harrisburg; Mrs. Harvey K. Breckenridge, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Owen J. Toland, Wynnewood; and Mrs. Herbert Spencer, Erie.



Two students are shown repairing a blowout as part of their "lab" work in the SCD Driver Corps School conducted at Reading. At this school and similar ones in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Norristown, a total of 138 Instructors' Certificates were awarded. An attendance of about 45 was expected at the school being held in Easton this week.

JALOPY ROUND-UP SECURES 391 CARS

Early reports on the success of the Jalopy Round-Up, the American Legion drive to have unserviceable automobiles turned into the nation's scrap metals stockpile, show that 47 Pennsylvania posts have arranged for the junking of 391 cars with more than 300 others promised.

Although this represents less than a tenth of the 661 American Legion posts in the state, reports indicate most other posts are doing equally well.

ASK MEDICAL CORPS TO ADOPT NEW PLAN

To lighten demands on the diminishing number of civilian doctors and nurses, James M. Landis, director of OCD, has urged local Councils of Defense to use a simplified plan if organization and operation for the Emergency Medical Service Corps.

He recommended, in keeping with British experience, a reduction in the number of casualty stations for the slightly injured and the abolition of most first aid posts at the site of incidents.

V-HOME CAMPAIGN GAINS MOMENTUM

A spot survey of the eight Civilian Defense regions of the state indicates that while only a few cities have completed full-scale V-Home campaigns, many are planning or conducting campaigns at present.

Philadelphia carried out a campaign of its own sometime ago, awarding stickers worded "We Are Prepared." Pittsburgh, however, has taken up the V-Home campaign and ordered thousands of stickers.

While the V-Home drive was originally conceived as a short-term program, the OCD now regards it as a continuing campaign. A number of national youth organizations, including Boy Scouts and Y.M.C.A., have pledged to support the drives wherever they are undertaken.

TO PATROL FORESTS

Five pilots attached to the Reading Civil Air Patrol Squadron have been assigned to patrol forest areas of southern Berks County and eastern Lancaster County twice each day. Similar patrols will be started shortly by the Easton Squadron.

AMERICAN UNITY GROUP INCREASED

Sixteen new members, more than half of whom are Negroes, have been elected to the Advisory Committee on American Unity of the SCD, bringing the committee's membership to 205.

The new members are:

John C. Arnold, President, Pennsylvania Bar Association Clearfield; W. C. Bulett, President, State Chamber of Commerce, York; Irwin W. Underhill, Philadelphia; Randolph Brown, Hollidaysburg; Rev. William H. Shaw, Mt. Union; Mrs. Madeline Chase, Scranton; Dr. John P. Turner, Philadelphia; Elmer Hill, Scranton; Patrick J. Gibbons, Disabled War Veterans of Pennsylvania, Altoona; Mrs. Goldie Ervin, Philadelphia; William F. Butler, Beaver; Joseph V. Baker, Harrisburg; Rufus D. H. Baxter, Erie; Clarence Klittel, Erie; Walter K. Jackson, and Jerome Holland, both of Lincoln University, Philadelphia.

The American Unity Committee meanwhile suggested three types of activities all local committees might undertake as follows:

1. Local committees should take some formal notice of families hit by war casualties.
2. Attention should be given to unfounded rumors. They can often be eliminated by the intercession of some member of the local American Unity committee.
3. Committee support should be given to local programs intended to promote international goodwill.

CDVO ORGANIZED IN 55 COUNTIES

Fifty-five Pennsylvania counties have organized 249 Civilian Defense Volunteer Offices, and organization is underway in six additional counties, reports Mrs. E. L. Van Valkenburg, Chief of Citizens Service Corps for the SCD.

Philadelphia is tying in Block Service Wardens with the C.D.V.O. Enrollment there has already passed the 3,000 mark and more than 17,000 volunteers are anticipated. About 20,000 Philadelphians were aided by the C.D.V.O. in filling out fuel rationing forms.

In Scranton, the C.D.V.O. is carrying on a finger-printing project for Citizens Defense Corps members. The Citizens Service Corps organization also has been launched there, under leadership of Morris Goodman and Mrs. M. R. Ammerman.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY'S WAR EFFORT LAUDED

The Pottsville Republican in an editorial on Dec. 7 enumerated 27 different ways in which Schuylkill County has gone "all out" in the war effort, and concluded:

"In no department have we failed to respond 100 per cent in Schuylkill County and when the history of the war is written Schuylkill County will rank as it always has—at or near the top. We have remembered Pearl Harbor and will continue to remember it in the most effective way it can be remembered."

10 Counties Fill Dec. 7 Quotas

Incomplete reports on the Pearl Harbor Day scrap collection, asked by Governor James, show that at least ten counties exceeded the goal of ten pounds per capita, Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the SCD Advisory Salvage Committee, reported.

First counties to exceed the goal were: **Columbia, Dauphin, Elk, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Monroe, and Montour.**

Baker said 10,000 pounds of scrap had been reported, with about one-third of the counties still to be heard from and many others making only partial reports. Counties in the northwestern section of the state were handicapped by heavy snow.

On the basis of these early returns, Baker said the state would probably fall short of its goal of 50,000 pounds.

In the meantime, three rural schools in northern tier counties were lauded for winning free trips to a Liberty ship launching for collecting the highest per-pupil totals of scrap in the School Scrap Campaign from Oct. 5 to 24.

The winners were: Clifford School, Clifford Township, **Susquehanna** County; Triumph School, Triumph Township, **Warren** County; and Broughton School, Delmar Township, **Tioga** County.

INTEREST INCREASES IN CONSUMER COURSE

Increased interest in the Consumer Course prepared by the SCD Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests is reported by Mrs. Conway Zirkle, committee chairman.

In **Delaware** County, the course is being repeated with 76 "students" in attendance, and in **Philadelphia** the course is offered in evening classes through cooperation of the city's board of education.

Meanwhile, the radio chairman of the **Scranton** Council of Defense has arranged a regular weekly consumer information broadcast. A similar program is planned in **Easton**.

EXTINGUISHER SALE FROWNED ON BY OCD

The sale of incendiary bomb extinguishers, powders and other devices has reached such proportions that it amounts to exploitation of the public, according to James M. Landis, director of OCD.

Landis urged all Councils of Defense to discourage further sale of these materials and to use every possible means of promoting the use of a jet or solid stream of water to combat incendiaries.

News From Local Councils

WHAT TO DO: The Recreation Committee of **Philadelphia** Council of Defense publishes weekly a news bulletin entitled "On Leave," which tells servicemen what to do and where to do it. The publication is sent to nearby Army and Navy posts and is put on board each ship that docks at Philadelphia.

APT STUDENTS: Centre County's civilian defense training program, involving 1,477 men and women volunteers, is now 86 per cent complete. . . . Certificates have been awarded to 1281 trainees.

SIREN CONTROL: Municipalities in the **Wilkes-Barre** area planning installation of sirens or whistles will confer hereafter with a new Council of Defense Committee on Audible Alarms. . . . The committee's goal is to achieve a uniform system of alarms.

NO LETUP: Muhlenberg College students observed a recent holiday by removing abandoned trolley tracks at **Allentown**. . . . Wielding picks, the group of more than 100 men salvaged many long sections of rails for war production.

NEW HOME: The Citizens Defense Corps of **Colonial Park**, near Harrisburg, dedicated its new post headquarters last week. . . . A buffet dinner was served and war pictures were shown.

VOLUNTEERS: Forty-eight instructors for ambulance drivers have been sworn in by Judge Harry S. McDevitt, executive director of **Philadelphia** Council of Defense. . . . They will train from 1000 to 1500 men and women.

POSTER CAMPAIGN STARTED BY OCD

Cooperation of County Councils of Defense has been asked in a new nation-wide outdoor billboard campaign started by the OCD and the Office of War Information.

The campaign will be built around a series of monthly posters, each featuring the civilian participation program most important nationally for that month. The purpose is to eliminate overlapping appeals.

The first two posters stress V-Homes and Meat Sharing.

In order to obtain sponsorship of billboard space by commercial firms and organizations, the OCD has requested that Councils of Defense endorse the program locally and cooperate with outdoor advertising agents in contacting sponsors.

LOOKING BACK: The second anniversary of its organization was observed recently by the **Columbia** Council of Defense. . . . A number of other councils in Lancaster County will have similar observances this month.

BORROW LEADER: Harry J. Cowell, who was recently appointed director of Block Service Wardens for **Philadelphia** Council of Defense, has been loaned to the council by a publishing firm which he serves as sales manager.

TURN 'EM OUT: The executive committee of **Fayette** County Council of Defense supported the action of two auxiliary policemen of **Dunbar** who had entered a house to turn out lights during the recent blackout.

SPEAKERS BUSY: Members of the Victory Speakers Bureau of **Scranton** Council of Defense made 66 speeches and presented 11 radio programs during November.

GARDEN AWARDS: Coal companies in **Indiana** County cooperated with local Victory Garden chairmen by awarding prizes in 12 different mining districts for outstanding Victory Gardens.

STUDENTS ALERT: During a recent surprise inspection by Chief Air Raid Warden John Henry Leh, students of Harrison-Morton Junior High School, **Allentown**, were found to be on the alert. . . . "Quickly and calmly" are key words at the school where an active first aid squad and morale committee are in operation.

MORALE FILMS NOW AVAILABLE

County Councils of Defense were asked this week to cooperate with the Office of War Information by arranging for regular showings of morale films before local audiences.

O.W.I. and the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs have produced more than 40 sound films covering all phases of the United Nations war effort. New films are coming out each month, and the widest possible distribution is desired.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, suggested that each county council designate a film chairman who would contact one of seven O.W.I. film depositories in Pennsylvania and serve as local booking agent for its films.

STRENGTH OF FFFS GROWING IN STATE

The Forest Fire Fighters Service is expected to be strong enough by next spring to "assist materially in preventing and controlling the early spring wave of forest fires," says George H. Wirt, chief of this new volunteer organization for the SCD.

"We will try to recruit at least 25,000 volunteers through the Councils of Defense this winter," he said. "The winter months will provide a period of training so that the service will be ready to function during the March to June forest fire season."

Wirt commented that "the wide dispersion of these volunteers throughout the forest areas of the state will enable them, particularly Boy Scout members, to patrol more timber tracts than has ever been possible. Thus many fires can be prevented or at least reported in early stages."

ACTION URGED ON HEADLIGHT MASKS

Headlight masks for Emergency Vehicles have been ordered from approved manufacturers by persons in many counties of the state, but no orders have been received from other counties.

"It may be," said SCD Director A. C. Marts, "that some persons are using devices of their own invention, but if they are not, it is urged that they arrange to get masks immediately."

The masks are required in SCD Rule No. 2 which became effective Dec. 1. State Inspection Stations are now prepared to inspect cars and approve those properly equipped for blackout.

BOSTON CDC PRAISED FOR WORK AT FIRE

The Citizens Defense Corps of Massachusetts has received wide praise for the assistance it gave in the recent night club fire at Boston.

"It was one of the most remarkable demonstrations of efficiency I ever saw," a naval intelligence officer said. "I was amazed at the way the civilian defense volunteers took hold."

The Women's Defense Corps rushed stretchers, blankets and first aid, and furnished canteen service for police, firemen, and volunteers. They kept staffs on 24-hour duty for two days in Boston mortuaries, and also "manned" telephone lines.

"The great lesson stands out," said the **Boston Herald**. "The defense organizations, by mobilizing and training volunteers, have provided a greatly needed machinery by which a community can care efficiently for the victims of a disaster."